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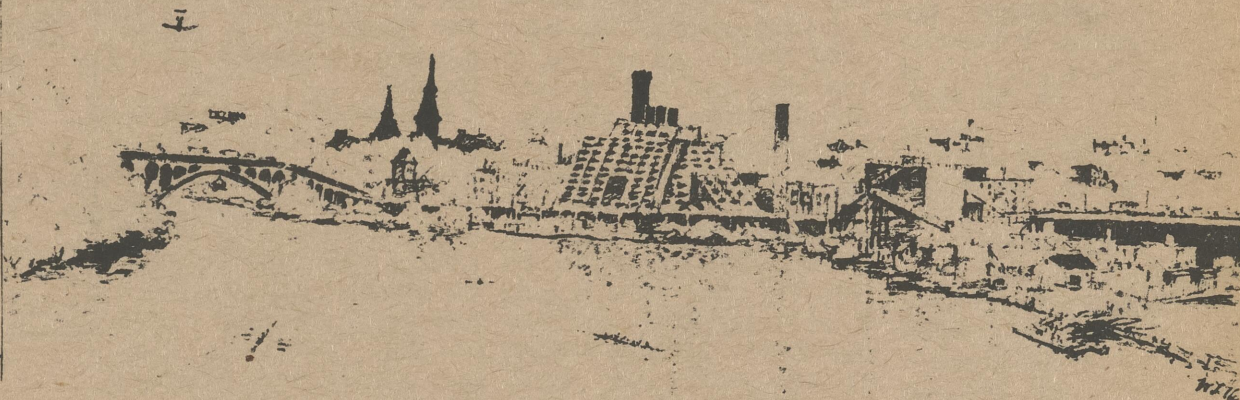
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MEETING:

ATTENTION! Due to Memorial Day Holiday May 31, FBA meeting will be WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 8 PM

St. Paul's Parish House
2430 'K' Street, NW



Also, there will be a presentation on the proposed senior citizens home to be built with the cooperation of St. Mary's Church and the Episcopal Diocese.

Urban Critic



THE URBAN SCENE

Fox Von Boom

The R-2 bus from the Watergate and Va. Ave stops will take you to 18th and "L" N.W. a short block from Faragut, North, the Metro station where the subway will "whisk" you to Union Station in 6 minutes (including 2 stops).

At Central Post Office where formerly I had a fifteen minute wait for the returning bus, a lone mocking bird sang his best to entice a mate to share the large evergreen magnolia there. No mate would accept the increasing fumes and traffic din. Pray they have found as delightful a substitute habitat as I; the subway concourse trains and ride are a pure delight.

Foggy Bottom's Potomac side gallery of visual arts, displays, artifacts, formed fabrics, sculpture, worked brass, enamel, oils, antiques and manikins in a manner that would please Boticelli.

A few steps further across Rock Creek Parkway numerous high school and college 8 man crews begin at 7:00 a.m. their Saturday morning river ride with the beautiful mahogany shells walked along above eight sets of upheld arms to the barked instructions of the diminutive male or female "cox". It's worth getting up early for.

At the foot of Virginia Ave. at Rock Creek Parkway there is a large open space between the cylindrical Metro building and the "E" Street/Whitehurst Expressway—more than enough space for two doubles tennis courts and several practice walls.

Robin Weir (27) licensed manager at the fashionable Watergate Hairstylists located in Washington's historic Foggy Bottom has been unanimously elected as President of the Washington Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association.

Mr. Weir, youngest elected president and youngest person ever to serve on the Board of Directors of the 64,000 member National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association has traveled thousands of miles in support of professional hairstylists since his election in July.

Mr. Weir also currently holds the title of National Hairdresser, Style Maker of the Year, and was so honored at the 55th annual N.H.C.A. convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Most recently he has served with the committee hosting the World Championships of Hairdressing in New York City, and currently serves on the National Committees on Legislation, National Shows and Resolutions.

In addition to numerous local hairstyling awards, Robin has represented all hairdressers in the District of Columbia and received honors at four conventions for outstanding hairstyling and costume creations.

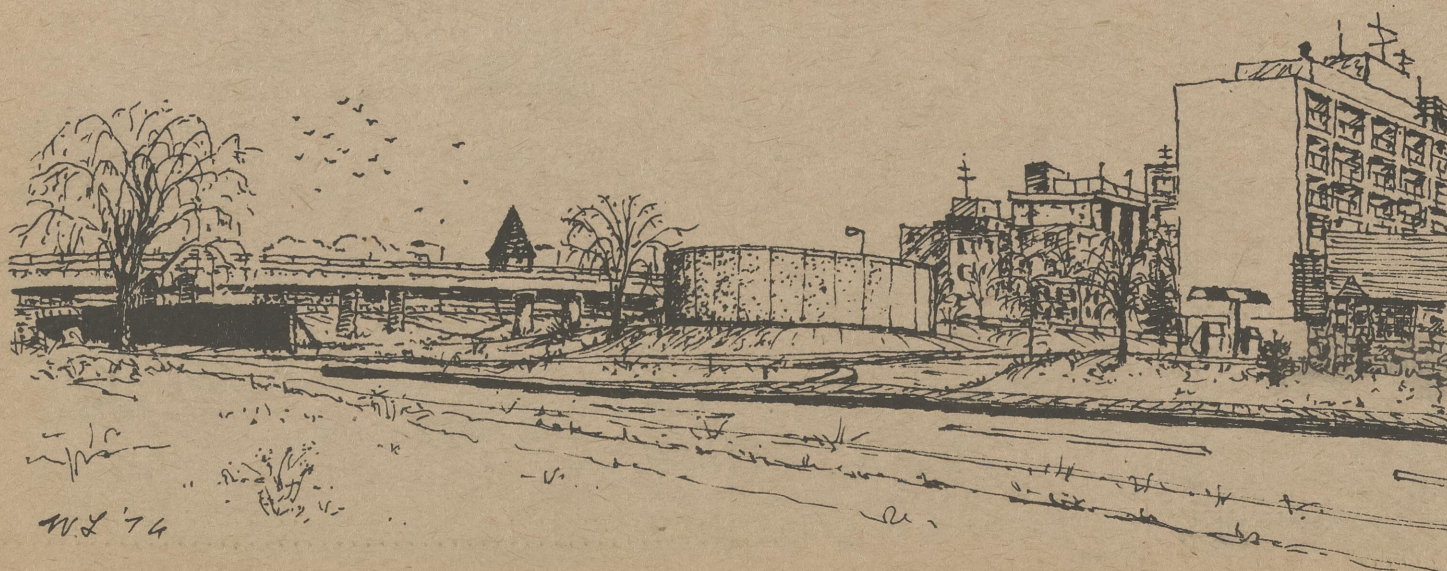
In recent years Mr. Weir's special interests have included donating his hairstyling services to the Joseph P. Kennedy Institute for Retarded Children, D.C. Village and Goodwill Industries.

Currently busy with remodeling his historic home in Washington's Logan Circle area, Mr. Weir's clients include some of Washington's most influential women. He is known and respected among leading hairdressers throughout the country—especially Washington.

In recent years Mr. Weir has been unanimously and nationally acclaimed as a Professional's Professional, and the Washington Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association couldn't agree more.

ANC Meeting

The next ANC Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1 at West End Library, 24th and L Streets, N.W. from 7-9 PM.



LETTERS

Apartment 717
922 24th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037
April 21, 1976

Dear Editor:

It may not be known to many of the residents of our area that a major confrontation is brewing between various segments of the community over the issue of vendors' rights. The National Park Service, speaking for the federal government, has taken the stand that vendors shall not be permitted to park and sell food or merchandise on the mall, along the mall, or at other scenic monument locations in the city. So far, the NPS's stand has prevailed and vendors are being banned from these areas. On the other hand, the vendors and their organization take the position that they have a right to earn a living at their trade and that the best way to do so is by selling to the large crowds of tourists who frequent the precise areas from which the vendors are being excluded. City Hall has joined the cause of the vendors and injected into the dispute its views on the federal government's right to grant exclusive concessionaire franchises in the disputed areas. Speaking on behalf of the District Building, Mr. Ben Gilbert, head of the Municipal Planning Office, talks in terms of economic development, helping the small businessman, and the city's right to have a say-so with regard to how and to whom concession contracts are let by the federal government for the monument area. Several voices on the City Council have been most protective of the vendors' rights as well. Dr. Douglas Moore (D-At-Large) has introduced a bill that would remove all restrictions on vendors who operate in the District.

One would be a fool to suggest that both sides of the dispute do not have strong arguments in their support—keeping road-side merchandising out of park and monument areas vs. helping small business and economic development. However, when the issue is closely examined I believe the city's position is very weak. In the first place the so-called "right" to sell along the streets is not a right, but rather a privilege which the city has already taken the liberty of restricting by its licensing process. Secondly, what unrestricted vending at curbside (and on the sidewalks) does to the aesthetics of some of the most historic sites of our Capital is shameful, not to mention the reputation the city gets with tourists who are confronted with the sight while visiting these areas. Thirdly, and most importantly, allowing vendors to park around our monuments and vend appears to be a sorry excuse for economic development in the District. If City Hall wants an effective economic development program, it will establish a specific office with the mission of 1. coaxing light manufacturers, research firms, and large associations to locate in D.C., providing us with hundreds of jobs at a crack and 2. lobbying before Congress and the executive branch of the federal govt. to keep the federal agencies that are here and move other ones into D.C. and allying with our suburban friends when they fight for the maintenance of installations in their jurisdictions. This is what I would call economic development! At the same time, the city ought to set restrictions on the locations where vendors may stand and the numbers of vendors per location as well as provide a system whereby vendors can bid for the choicest locations.

The growth of business in the District must be assisted by City Hall but that assistance should be consistent with zoning regulations, propriety, and the goal of providing the maximum of new jobs for city residents.

Howard W. Feldman



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For those who would like to take a break from the books this summer and perhaps develop a new hobby, the Graduate School is offering many FUN COURSES, such as Pottery; Contemporary Painting; Basketry; Techniques and Design; Pattern Making and Pattern Adjustment; Jewelry Making; Tai Chi; Hatha Yoga; and Plants in the Home. REGISTRATION IN PERSON will be held June 8-12 in Room 1339, So. Agriculture Bldg., 14th & Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. REGISTRATION HOURS are as follows:

Weekdays: 11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join in the summer fun at the Graduate School, U.S. Department of Agriculture!

FORUM ON CONSUMER POWER

The AAUW (American Assn. of University Women) Forum on Thursday, May 27 will feature "Consumer Power." The speaker will be Joan Bernstein, Acting Director of the Consumer Protection Bureau of the Federal Trade Commission. Area residents are invited to attend. The time is 12:15 to 1 PM. Address: 2401 Virginia Ave., NW, first floor dining room. There will be a brown bag lunch at 11:30 before the forum. The AAUW recognizes women achievers in various fields.

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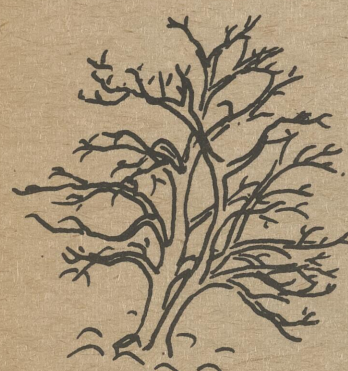
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Foggy Bottom Farmer



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Spring-flowering woody plants (forsythia, magnolia, cherry, etc.) may now be trimmed to remove old wood, branches protruding where not wanted, and to allow other branches to shape themselves (with your help) so as to better fit your dooryard or the confines of your balcony. The supple new growth may be "pleached" or trained as an espalier. The dwarf type fruit trees, especially pear, can be so trained candelabrum-like on a sunny south wall or to frame a window. If you try it on your balcony, remember to use a double tub with insulation between the larger tub and the smaller tree-contained tub. The roots must be kept cool.

Pruning instruments should be sharp so as to make smooth cuts and flush with the parent branch. Choose the cut location just above a branch or bud so located that it will "take off" in the direction you've chosen for it.

Newcomers to balcony gardening should be aware that south-facing ones have problems—too much drying out, too much light, too much heat (absorbed by the south-facing wall and intensified by reflection). Yucca, cactus, succulents (water-storing, drought-resistant plants) and evergreen junipers will thrive there as will some of the most reliable to the annuals—the varicolored ones (portulaca, zinnia, and marigold). The east and north-facing balconies have few limitations and many advantages. Numerous vines that shun the sun will do beautifully—morning glory, moonflower, clematis. East-facing is also ideal for the plants of fragrance—nicotiana (flowering tobacco), and of course, roses.

Johnson's, north of the National Cathedral on Wisconsin Ave. is the best source of the harder of find plants and gardening supplies.

William S. Lattin

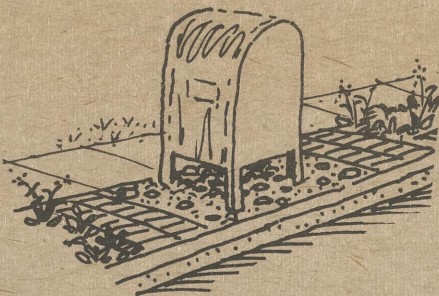
Convention Helpers Needed

The National Conference on Social Welfare is holding its annual Forum at the Sheraton and Shoreham Hotels in Washington, D.C. this year June 13-17. Since 1873 this Forum has been the major seminar for individuals and agencies representing all aspects of health and welfare in the United States. The theme of this year's Forum is **Advancing the Humane Society: The Unfinished Agenda of Democracy.**

The D.C. Chapter of the American Red Cross has been asked by the United Way of the National Capital Area to

coordinate the recruitment of volunteers to assist at this convention. Volunteers will register delegates, staff information booths, act as hosts and hostesses and perform many other duties to help make this a smooth running convention and to help the delegates feel welcome in our city. Volunteers are needed for both day and evening sessions and Volunteers will be allowed to attend some of the sessions.

If you would like to help at this convention Call Volunteer Recruitment at 857-3422, D.C. Chapter American Red Cross.



Register By Mail

The D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics has instituted a mail registration system pursuant to D.C. Law 1-37. These Mail Registration Applications have been distributed throughout the city.

Mail Registration Applications (MRA's) are now in all public libraries, high schools, firehouses, police precincts, post offices, some private schools, banks, Catholic and Protestant churches, Synagogues, and community organizations, as well as some eating establishments, labor unions, and with individual persons who wished to distribute them. MRA's are also in Room 7 of the District Building.

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Are You a Member?

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Bill reopened his Service Station April 27. The station will be open from 7 AM until 11 PM Mondays through Saturdays. On Sundays it will be open from 9 AM until 9 PM. Again, we will be able to get quick, efficient and quality service when we want it. Minor repairs can be handled at our Bottom Station; major repairs will continue to be handled at Bill's Tenley Sunoco Station at 4530 Wisconsin

Ave. If our demand proves sufficient Bill may put in service which permits leaving your car for major repair at the Foggy Bottom Station and he will see that it gets to the Wisconsin Avenue station and back. Obviously, Bill can't provide this service now; he has to judge the need first.

Bill took care of our service station needs for years. We were all distressed to see him leave (through no fault of his own). Now that he is back let's try to keep him here—GIVE HIM OUR BUSINESS—that's the best way to do it. Wayne Cochran will be managing the station for Bill; he too is an old friend; stop in and say "hello" and make a purchase.

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